

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 12, 2016

Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on January 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive, Traverse City, Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call of Board Members

Present: Molly Agostinelli, Denise Schmuckal, Lanie McManus, Chuck Korn, Jeane Blood Law and Kit Wilson

Absent and Excused: Bob Featherstone

Staff Present: Rob Larrea

1. Public Comment (6:01)

Mike Kazmierski commented on the weekly vacation rentals and the proposed distillery.

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:03)

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Yeas: Agostinelli, Schmuckal, Wilson, Blood Law, McManus, Korn

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:03)

a. Minutes

December 8, 2015 Regular Meeting (Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund	\$877,788.59
(Recommend Approval)	

Gourdie-Fraser

Developer's Escrow Fund	\$ 800.00
-------------------------	-----------

Utility Receiving Fund	<u>230.00</u>
------------------------	---------------

Total	\$ 1,030.00
-------	-------------

(Recommend Approval)

c. Building Department 2016 Statement of Operations and Annual Report (Receive and File)

- d. **MTT Update (Receive and File)**
- e. **PD 2016-01 – Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 68 – Consideration of Resolution #2016-01-T – Introduce and schedule for public hearing on February 9, 2016. (Recommend Approval)**
- f. **2015 Zoning Department Activities (Receive and File)**
- g. **Consideration of Resolution #2016-05-T, a resolution in support of a small distiller license (Recommend Approval)**

Blood Law moved and Wilson seconded to adopt the consent calendar as presented.

Yeas: Blood Law, Wilson, Agostinelli, Schmuckal, McManus, Korn

Nays: None

4. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar

5. Correspondence

6. Reports

a. **Construction Report (6:07)**

Jennifer Hodges submitted a written report.

b. **Sheriff's Report (6:07)**

Deputy Chris Barsheff reported that in December 2015, there were 1,479 calls for service in the township. Accomplishments in 2015 include active shooter training at businesses, drug take backs, crime prevention programs, a presence on trails and building relationships with neighborhoods and businesses. For 2016, he wants to keep up what he implemented, but with a greater frequency. Barsheff said he is also looking at how his officers are scheduled so people are used to the best of their abilities. Arrests were made in a car break in case and in the December 23rd incident involving a man who wanted to blow up the mall.

Detective Shea also helped to apprehend a suspect and stolen goods. Barsheff added that the new theater opened and there have been no issues.

c. **G.T. Metro Fire Department Report (6:20)**

Terry Flynn said that the Fire Department was up about 100 calls from last year. In 2015, the department gave 25 mutual aid calls and received only three. A Fire Board decision ended free mutual aid.

d. **County Commissioner's Report (6:27)**

County Commissioner Alisa Kroupa said that the Board of Commissioners passed a budget last month. The board got rid of two million dollars in the budget by making some changes to health insurance and an additional one million by making departmental changes. Commissioners will begin to look at the

2017 budget this spring. The county has offered the position of Deputy Administrator to someone and John Sych will present staffing changes in Building Codes and Soil Erosion to the Board tomorrow night. Commissioners asked questions about the 2016 budget and the cuts in the budget.

e. Personnel Committee Report (6:23)

Schmuckal welcomed Dorothy Petroskey to the staff.

f. Treasurer's Report (6:23)

Blood Law informed the Board that revenue sharing was up 16% from last year. She has worked to rid the excess township items on Craigslist and gained \$3,300. Blood Law is researching other websites to get rid of the remaining surplus items and will keep the Board informed of the results.

g. Clerk's Report (6:37)

McManus said her report was submitted in writing. Her office has been preparing for the audit. She added that 2,300 absentee ballot applications have been sent out and they are gearing up for the March election.

h. Supervisor's Report (6:38)

Korn reported that he attended a FEMA emergency management training seminar and that the township closed on the Keystone property and is moving forward with plans for a new park. He said that the Road Commission has approached the township about the speed on Randolph Street and that many residents would like the speed reduced from 55 mph to 25 mph. He added that the city has offered to take over the maintenance of the road from the township. Board members concurred with that option and authorized Chuck to proceed with discussions with the City. Since a mistake was made in regards to the township meeting calendar, Board members decided to reinstate the Board meeting on January 26th.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

a. Consideration of Resolution 2016-02-T 2016, Grand Traverse County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan adoption resolution (6:45)

Korn said that this is a plan which describes conditions in the county and who will be in command in an emergency. Board members brought up the fact that the document needs to be updated before adoption. The resolution also provides a section describing responsible parties to many projects and needs further documentation. Korn will take the concerns to Gregg Byrd and bring the resolution back to the Board.

b. Consideration of Resolution 2016-03-T 2016, a resolution amending and restating the Township Governmental Non- Erisa Retirement Plan (6:52)

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to adopt Resolution 2016-03-T, a resolution amending and restating the Township Governmental Non- Erisa Retirement Plan.

*Yeas: Agostinelli, Schmuckal, Wilson, Blood Law, McManus, Korn
Nays: None*

c. PD 2016-04-T – Application for public use deed – Grand Traverse Commons “State 40” – Consideration of Resolution 2016-04-T (6:54)

Schmuckal moved and Wilson supported THAT Resolution 2016-04-T, authorizing an application to the DNR for conveyance of the “State 40” to Garfield Township for public purposes, be approved, with the application fee of \$300.00 to be taken out of the park fund.

*Yeas: Schmuckal, Wilson, Blood Law, Agostinelli, McManus, Korn
Nays: None*

d. Request from Tim Hinkley of the TC Boom Boom Club for Garfield Township to contribute \$3,500 for the 2016 Fourth of July fireworks performance. (6:58)

Korn noted that this expenditure was already in the 2016 budget.

Schmuckal moved and Blood Law supported to approve a \$3,500 contribution to the TC Boom Boom Club for the 2016 Fourth of July fireworks performance.

*Yeas: Schmuckal, Blood Law, Wilson, Agostinelli, McManus, Korn
Nays: None*

e. Consideration of Sewer Benefits Deferral Agreement between Kenneth T. Hennrick and Garfield Township (6:58)

Hennrick wants to join the sewer system since his septic system is failing but cannot afford the entire amount up front. Korn said that the \$6,700 fee could be billed through the DPW at a 2.555% interest rate. The agreement has been reviewed by our attorney who suggested a minor change which Korn read. Board members discussed the agreement and the ramifications.

Agostinelli moved to direct Korn to sign the agreement on behalf of the township with the recommended changes as directed by the attorney and Blood Law seconded the motion.

*Yeas: Agostinelli, Blood Law, Schmuckal, Wilson, McManus, Korn
Nays: None*

9. Public Comment: (7:03)

Alisa Kroupa commented that Chuck Lerchen will be bringing forward a proposal for a county wide veteran's millage and that the county is under investigation from the state for the soil erosion department.

10. Other Business (7:11)

Schmuckal commented that the sidewalks along the newly finished LaFranier Road were not being plowed and were getting dangerous for those walking along the roadway. Korn said that he will discuss the problem with the Road Commission.

Wilson said that the Silver Lake Vacation Rental subject was still being discussed by the Planning Commission and no decision had been reached yet. She will bring back a recommendation to the Board when the Planning Commission has made a decision.

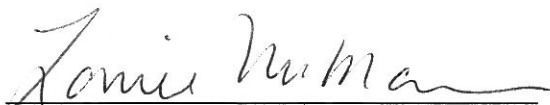
Blood Law commented on the mitigation plan and noted that last year's emergency events are not included.

11. Adjournment

Korn adjourned the meeting at 7:21pm.



Chuck Korn, Supervisor
Charter Township of Garfield
3848 Veterans Drive
Traverse City, MI 49686



Lanie McManus, Clerk
Charter Township of Garfield
3848 Veterans Drive
Traverse City, MI 49686